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I humbly call upon all of us to altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands

**and leaving out all of
His prohibitions. May we
all be bestowed with
blissfulness and
success in this world
and the Hereafter.**

On this blessed day, I will be discussing upon a *khutbah* titled...



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Marriage is a bond established through a valid *nikaah* (marriage) contract that legitimizes between a man and a woman to live together as husband and wife, and fulfilling their respecting

rights and responsibilities.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 32 of soorah an-Noor that was recited at the beginning of the *khutbah*:

“And marry the unmarried among you and the righteous among your male slaves and female slaves. If they should be poor, Allah will enrich them from His bounty, and Allah is all-Encompassing Knowing.”

This verse mentions the encouragement to get married because of the significance and beauty of the realm of marriage. However, this beauty can be tainted at times due to the negative attitude of

the husband or wife. A valid marriage must be recognized, not kept in secret. In other words, it must be recorded and registered according to the law.

Nowadays, there are many couples that would hide their marriage status. They would hide it from being known by the *wali* (legal guardian), family members, or spouses due to certain

interests. There are many reasons as to why this happens, such as marrying a non-citizen that do not possess proper documentation, or having extramarital affair, polygamy, and

many others.

Verily, Islam demands that marriage should be announced to the family members, neighbors, relatives, friends, and colleagues, and it should


not be kept secret so that
it will not cause *fitnah*.

As it was mentioned in
the *hadeeth* of ‘A’ishah
radiyAllaahu ‘anha,
where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

أَعْلِنُوا هَذَا النِّكَاحَ

***“Publicize this
marriage.”***

(at-Tirmidhi)

In another *hadeeth*
narrated by Anas bin
Maalik *radiyAllaahu*
'anh, Rasulullah 
said:

أَوْلِمُّوْا بِشَاةٍ

“Hold a wedding feast, even if only with a sheep.”

(al-Bukhaari)

Based on the records from religious authorities, there are many cases of marriage conducted in secret or syndicated, whether locally or abroad. There is no concerted effort by the

couples to register their marriage, to the point where their offspring became adults and want to getting married. Some would only register their marriage at crucial and desperate moments,

where in the end it is the marriage registrar at the respective Islamic Religious Department that catches the heat and criticism, when it is all due to the couples' own negligence.

**Unregistered marriages
can cause adverse
impacts and effects
upon individuals, family
members, and also the
society. Among them:**

First: Injustices upon the wives, where those whose husbands have passed away will face difficulty in claiming inheritance for there is no proof of their marriage registration. Only their

deceased husbands
would know of the
matters and affairs
regarding their
syndicated marriage.
Such predicament will
only make it more difficult
for the wives to proceed

and register the marriage on her own, in claiming her rights in the estate of the deceased husband.

Second: Fraudulent marriage status with the purpose of remarrying.

Since a marriage is unregistered, one's marriage status cannot be proven whether single, divorced, widowed, or married. Hence, we find cases where the husband

enters polygamy without authorization and also a wife having two husbands.

Third: Injustice upon the children. This is because these children that were born from unregistered

marriage will have their birth registered with the National Registration Department (JPN) as “illegitimate child”.

Fourth: Disorderliness in the *nasab* (lineage).

Marriages that are not registered can cause matrimony to occur among *mahram* such as *nikaah* between siblings, mother or uncle, and others. This will have profound effect upon the

marriage because it must be *faraq* or separated.

Fifth: The difficulty for the daughter to get married because her father's marriage was not officially registered. This will add

**pressure and difficulty
upon the child to
complete their
documentations for
marriage application
according to the
regulations and
procedures stipulated.**

Would a father be willing to abuse his own progeny only because of his refusal, ego, and negligence in ensuring that his marriage is authorized?

Is the husband willing to allow his lineage to remain unrecognized in the eyes of the law, just for refusing to register his marriage?

**Is the husband willing
to allow his spouse to
live in despair due to
the adverse effect
endured after his
demise?**

Is the husband certain that the *nikaah* kept in secret is a legitimate marriage according to the *shara'*? There have been cases where the court did not validate marriages, whereby the

husband has passed
away. The question is,
what is the ruling
regarding their
relationship all these
while?

The act of binding a relationship through a valid marriage contract but not complemented with official registration according to the law is oppression upon one's own self, spouse, and

**children. It will also
impose difficulties upon
other parties involved
such as the Islamic
Religious Department
regarding marriage
registration records, the**

**National Registration
Department (JPN)
regarding birth
certification, as well as
the *Sharee'ah* Judicial
Department (JKSM)
regarding lineage and**

**claims arising from the
matrimony.**

**Islam is a religion of
justice and prohibits
oppression. This includes
injustices within the realm
of matrimony.**

Is a husband willing to abandon his children and wife in a state of oppression? There are verses in al-Qur'an and narrations from Rasulullah ﷺ that reviles and forbids acts of oppression.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 18 of soorah Hood:

“Unquestionably, the curse of Allah is upon the wrongdoers.”

If we are to internalize
upon the messages and
reminders of Rasulullah
ﷺ regarding the
importance of treating
one's spouse with
kindness, definitely the
household will be

decorated with beauty
and delights of *dunya* for
every married couples.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu
Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu*
'anh, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***“Take my advice with regard to women: Act kindly towards women, for they were created from a rib, and the most crooked part of a rib is its uppermost.*”**

If you attempt to straighten it; you will break it, and if you leave it alone it will remain crooked; so act kindly toward women.”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

To end the *khutbah* today, let us derive several lessons from the sermon as guidelines in our lives, namely:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty and realization that *nikaah* between the husband and wife is a *sunnah* of Rasulullah ﷺ and a religious act that is greatly demanded in the religion.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must prioritize upon the *maslahah* (public interest) of the *ummah* by announcing and registering the marriage, for it is a necessity within the religion and according to the law of the land.

3. Every Muslim must know that matrimony is a huge *amaanah* (trust) and responsibility from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

4. Every Muslim must strive to avoid all of the problems or *fitan* upon the household left behind after becoming deceased.


***“Indeed, Allah
commands you to
render trusts to whom
they are due and
when you judge
between people to
judge with justice.***

Excellent is that which Allah instructs you. Indeed, Allah is ever Hearing and Seeing.”


(Soorah an-Nisaa' 4:58)




**THE SECOND
KHUTBAH**




**O Allah! We seek refuge in
You from severe trials, from
being afflicted with
calamities, from evil in
destiny, and from the joy of
the enemies upon the
tribulations and misfortunes**




that befell us. O Allah! We beseech Your protection, from losing the favors that You have bestowed, from the loss of health that You have granted, protect our state from calamity and disaster.




**O Allah! You are our One
and Only Savior, we
humbly beg You to save
the Muslims and Masjid al-
Aqsa in Palestine.**



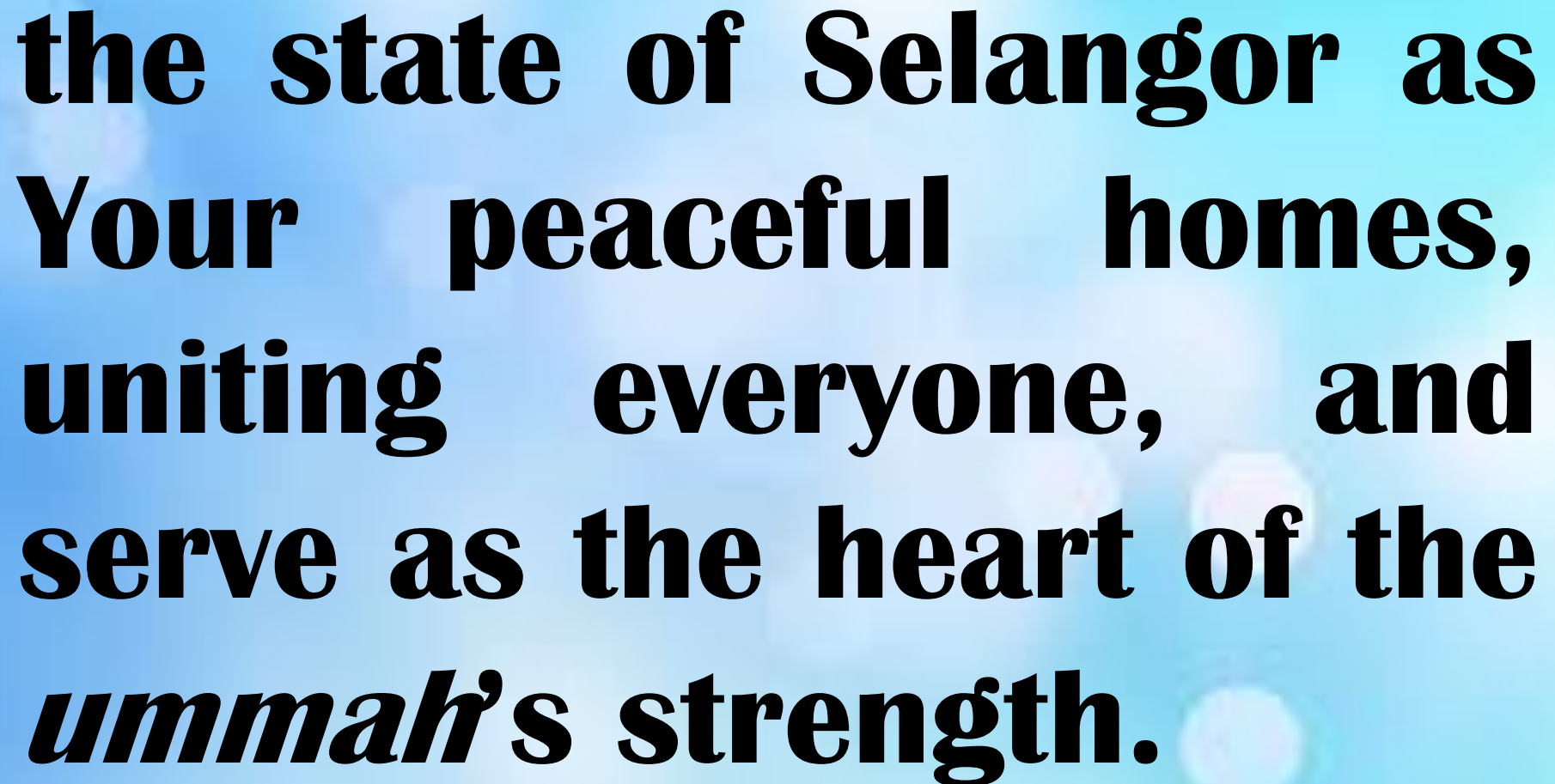
**O Allah! Make us among Your
slaves that fulfills the
amaanah. Strengthen our
imaan so that we avoid
treachery, protect us from
becoming among those that
neglect their responsibilities,**



and protect our state and nation from destruction due to bribery, embezzlement, and power abuse. Render the duty to lead our country upon Your slaves whom are trustworthy and honest,



**as well as firm and
courageous in upholding
the truth and executing
justice according to the
Sharee'ah. O Allah, make
the *masaajid* and *suraus* in**



**the state of Selangor as
Your peaceful homes,
uniting everyone, and
serve as the heart of the
ummah's strength.**



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